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Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE By: Leroy Weed

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Where are we?

Have you ever thought about where we live? We don't have big box stores in town, but that may not be a bad thing. We do have one of the most special areas anywhere and that's hard to beat, with so many things to offer. This is a unique area that creates many jobs for those who want them. Let me elaborate. Our area has a multitude of animals that make up our local economy. Number one here is lobster! Others are: two species of crab (peeky-toe and rock), sand oysters, mussels, clams, razor clams, quahogs (soft shell steamers), whelks, urchins, scallops and numerous fish species like haddock, cod, flounder, pollack, hake, monkfish and cusk to name a few.

This multitude of seafood means jobs for those of us that live and want to work here. Jobs in restaurants, as dock workers, captains and stern men, shipyard craftsmen, truck drivers, office workers, carpenters, landscapers, plumbers, electricians, teachers, bus drivers and marine suppliers. All is possible due to our special location and our abundant resources which make up the fabric of our beautiful island. So, where are we? In one very special place that we should cherish and be good stewards of and protect, so that work opportunities abound for all of us.

Do you have a question about our fisheries? Send it to <u>info@coastalfisheries.org</u> or call 207.367.2708. Learn more about MCCF by visiting us at <u>www.coastalfisheries.org</u>.

FISHERIES LOG

<u>Prices to Harvesters in Stonington as</u> of 12/16/2024

Lobster (hard): \$6.90/lb. Lobster (shedder) \$6.50/lb. Bait (pogies): \$90/box Fuel (diesel): \$3.10/gal

Oceanographic Buoy I-01

44°6'10"N 68°6'44"W – Frenchboro Top Temperature (1 meter): 46.24°F 7.91°C Bottom Temperature (50 meters): 46.47°F 8.04°C *Source: <u>www.neracoos.org</u>*